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SUBJECT : BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE: OUTSTANDING ISSUES

1. WE WERE INFO ADDRESSEE (AS WAS SECSTATE) ON A MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 14 FROM FORT MONROE TRAINING CENTER TO DA WASH DC//DAMO-SSA IN REGARD TO THE HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR LTS. AL KHALIFA AND KAMAL (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO OUR 927 ASKING FOR EXACT DATES OF COURSE AVAILABILITY).

2. MESSAGE READS: " TRAINING REQUESTED BY REF CANNOT BE PROVIDED. REMAINING FY 76 CLASS OF RW QUAL (2C-1981D) AND UH-1 INSTRUCT PILOT (2C-F3) OVERSUBSCRIBED AND ADDITIONAL QUOTAS NOT AVAILABLE. SUGGEST TRAINING REQUIREMENT BE INCLUDED IN FY 77 PROGRAM."

3. HOPEFULLY THIS IS NOT THE FINAL WORD. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO WEIGH IN AT DEFENSE TO NOTE THAT IT SEEMS A LITTLE LATE TO DECIDE THAT TRAINING IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THIS FISCAL YEAR IN LIGHT OF PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD BE (SEE PARTICULARLY STATE 149228 OF 25 JUNE IN THIS REGARD). WE SENT A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE GOB DATED JUNE 29 SAYING THAT THE USG HAS APPROVED THE TRAINING PROPOSAL "SUBJECT TO FINAL DETERMINATION OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTERING THE TRAINING AND THE WORKING OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS". AFTER THIS DATE THEY WERE BOTH DETERMINED TO BE QUALIFIED AND FORT MONROE

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WAS ASKED TO PUT THEM INTO "FIRST AVAILABLE COURSES" (REF HQDA

WASHDC//DAMO-SSA MSG 092257Z JUL 75). ASIDE FROM THE DIPLOMATIC
NOTE, YOU HAVE ALSO SENT AL ABSI A LETTER DATED JULY 28 WHICH
SAYS, INTER ALIA, "INTENSE EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO WORK OUT THE
EXACT DATE OF TRAINING FOR THE BDF OFFICERS PROPOSED FOR
HELICOPTER TRAINING. WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE
EXACT INFORMATION".

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